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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

NEXA Mortgage, LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Smart Mortgage Centers, Inc.,
Defendant.

Case No.: 2:23-cv-00410-SPL

**STATUS REPORT REGARDING
SETTLEMENT**

Pursuant to the Court’s Order entered on February 24, 2025, ECF No. 64, Plaintiff NEXA Mortgage, LLC, (“NEXA”) hereby submits this status report regarding its settlement efforts with Defendant Smart Mortgage Centers, Inc. (“Smart”).

Since this Court entered its Order granting Smart’s former counsel’s application for withdrawal as counsel on February 4, 2024, no counsel has entered an appearance on behalf of Smart in this Court and there have been no responses from Smart directly regarding this case. As such, undersigned counsel for NEXA has not conferred with Smart Mortgage concerning this status report. Further, recent settlement discussions before the Magistrate Judge in *Noe et al., v. Smart Mortgage, et al.*, No. 1:21-cv-01668, concluded with no settlement reached as Smart remains unrepresented in that matter as well, in which summary judgment was previously granted

as to liability against Smart.

As Smart has failed to respond to Requests for Admission served by NEXA on February 14, 2025, and discovery is now closed, NEXA intends to file a Motion for Summary Judgment in this matter within the next 7 days.

Dated: March 26, 2025

By: /s/ Ari Karen
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 26, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all CM/ECF registrants. Further, I will serve a copy of the foregoing via first class mail upon the following:

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